

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
Hastings OF Florida,
OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES.

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1684, AS REPORTED
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At the end of title XI, insert the following:

1 SEC. 2211. FEMA RECOVERY OFFICE IN FLORIDA.

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—To provide eligible Federal
3 assistance to individuals and State, local, and tribal gov-
4 ernments affected by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan,
5 Jeanne, Wilma, Tropical Storm Bonnie, and other future
6 declared emergencies and major disasters, in a customer-
7 focused, expeditious, effective, and consistent manner, the
8 Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Ad-
9 ministration shall maintain a recovery office in the State
10 of Florida for a period of not less than three years after
11 the date of enactment of this Act.

12 (b) STRUCTURE.—The recovery office shall have an
13 executive director, appointed by the Administrator, who
14 possesses a demonstrated ability and knowledge of emer-
15 gency management and homeland security, and a senior
16 management team.

17 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The executive director, in
18 coordination with State, local, and tribal governments,
19 non-profit organizations, including disaster relief organi-
20 zations, shall__

1 (1) work cooperatively with local governments
2 to mitigate the impact of a declared emergency or
3 major disaster; and

4 (2) provide assistance in a timely and effective
5 manner to residents of Florida and other States as
6 determined appropriate by the Administrator for re-
7 covery from previous and future declared emer-
8 gencies and major disasters.

9 (d) STAFFING.—Staffing levels of the recovery office
10 shall be commensurate with the current and projected
11 workload as determined by the Administrator.

12 (e) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—To ensure that the
13 recovery office is meeting its objectives, the Administrator
14 shall identify performance measures that are specific,
15 measurable, achievable, relevant, and timed, including__

16 (1) public assistance program project worksheet
17 completion rates; and

18 (2) the length of time taken to reimburse recipi-
19 ents for public assistance.

20 (f) EVALUATION.—The Administrator shall evaluate
21 the effectiveness and efficiency of the recovery office in
22 the State of Florida in meeting the requirements of this
23 section. Not later than three years after the date of enact-
24 ment of this Act, the Administrator shall report to the
25 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the

- 1 House of Representatives on whether continuing to oper-
- 2 ate such office is necessary.